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1. The Maschinen-Fabrik R. Wolff, Magdeburg-Buckau, which suffered heavy war damage and was later partially dismantled, now employs approximately 400 men. Reconstruction work continues at a slow pace. The plant is now a state-owned concern.
2. The Maschinen-Fabrik Wolff has recently been requested by the SMA to start as soon as possible with the manufacture of Diesel motors, mainly for ships.

Comment: During the first world war the plant made, among other items, Diesel motors for submarines; it is known to have had wide experience in this field.

Before the work can be started, damaged workshops must be reconstructed. This requires the hiring, i.e. drafting, of 2,000 construction workers.

3. The Magdeburg Labor Office has been instructed to begin immediately recruiting approximately 1,000 skilled workers for the new manufacturing program. Since it is doubtful that this large force of skilled labor can be secured within the next three to four months, various camps for returned prisoners of war, among them the camp in Pirna, have been instructed to send immediately to Magdeburg all returnees who have experience in motor construction or are skilled in related fields.
4. The Magdeburg Housing Office has already been ordered to requisition furnished rooms and other living space in and around Magdeburg sufficient to accommodate 2,000 to 3,000 persons who will be working in the Wolff plant either on reconstruction or manufacture.

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